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Ocean Safety officials advising no swimming on North Shore

Ocean Safety officials are advising 'no swimming' at all North Shore beaches, from Polihale to 'Anini Beach, due to high surf and dangerous ocean conditions.

The National Weather Service has posted a High Surf Warning for all north and westfacing shores of Kaua'i and Ni'ihau.

Lifeguards are reporting waves of up to 35 feet on the North Shore with very strong rip currents. Spectators are also advised to use extreme caution, as large breaking waves are sweeping up onto the shoreline and can easily knock people off their feet and drag them into rough surf.

Beachgoers are urged to heed all posted warnings and advisories.

For updated information on ocean and weather alerts, visit the NWS website, www.weather.gov/hawaii.

For up-to-date information about ocean conditions, please speak to a county lifeguard, log onto www.kauaiexplorer.com, or call the Ocean Safety Bureau at 241-4984.

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